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In re Application of

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For: CYLINDRICAL STRAIGHT
SLAB TYPE GAS LASER

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, for which a 2 month extension of time is requested, to extend the period for response to January 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 by replacing them with the like-numbered claim hereinbelow. Markups are provided at the end of this response showing the changes made by the amendment.

1. (Amended) A cylindrical straight slab type gas laser comprising:

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a pair of cylindrical electrodes of different diameter disposed concentrically by way of spacers to fill the gap between the cylindrical electrodes with laser medium to define a straight slab;